Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can only say that the clerk has been getting this allowance for the extra work that he has been doing and this point so to say has not exactly come up. Anyhow the point since it has been raised, will be noted to see whether the duty allowance can be stopped.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I am not for stopping the duty allowance. My point is this. It is said that the work of this clerk wholly relates to accounts and involves large money drawings and payments and the new clerk appointed, we are made to understand, was ordered to look after the accounts and accounts only, in connection with the Viceroy's visit.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He is also helping the other. The two are in the same section, in the Bills section of the Stamp Office. Formerly there was only one. It was found impossible for one hand to make it current and there have been a number of defalcations in the Stamp Office. And it was on account of that that the second clerk was appointed. Of course I admit that it is a relevant point, that when a second clerk has been appointed the continuance of the duty allowance should be looked into. And since it has been raised I will look into it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not press.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put : *that the demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

The House rose for lunch at 2'' to 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with the President in the chair.

8. IX.—Forests—Rs. 1,300.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,300 under IX—Forests. No provision was made in the Budget for 1106 for the payment of T. A. to the candidates selected for the Foresters' training. The training lasted for 8 months. The total of the bills submitted by the candidates comes to about Rs. 500. A sum of Rs. 800 approximately is also required for disbursing the arrear pay of the candidates. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,300 has to be sanctioned to meet these two items of expenditure. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the additional allotment asked for.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—On a point of information. How many candidates were trained ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Six.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reauce the allotment of Rs. 1,300 for IX—Forests by Re. 1.*

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this token motion to know from the Hon'ble Member the necessity for this expenditure, as these candidates are already employees of the department who are trained as foresters. Therefore, all employees have their pay provided for. So how does it come that these persons who have been deputed for training come to draw pay over and above their pay already provided ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The excess is the excess rate sanctioned to those subordinates in the scheme recently sanctioned. They were first paid their original pay.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Are there no savings in the department ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There are no savings. We are short of funds.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put: *that the Demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

9. X—Tramway—Rs. 16,800.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 16,800 under X—Tramway.

It is proposed to enter into an agreement for the transport of logs from British over the State Tramway. The contractor is to transport 7,000 candies of timber in a year. The revenue anticipated from the above transport is Rs. 68,000. The increased expenditure that will have to be incurred on account of this contract in the matter of fuel, maintenance, etc., may amount to more or less Rs. 7,000. Thus the transaction is likely to bring in a net revenue of Rs. 60,000.

To execute the agreement some initial expenditure has to be incurred for the purchase of 12 fresh pairs of trucks as the required number of trucks cannot be spared in full from the existing rolling stock. The cost of a pair of trucks is estimated at Rs. 1,400. An amount of Rs. 16,800 is thus required for the purpose. The item was not provided for in the Budget since it could not be foreseen at the time. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this additional allotment.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. Mohammed Seethi.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,800 for X—Tramway by Re. 1.*

As the Member was absent, his motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,800 for X—Tramway by Re. 1.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, my object in bringing this motion is to point out that the men employed in the Tramway

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